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## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

### CHANGE YOUR COMMUNITY, REGISTER TO VOTE!

Time is running out on your chance to shape local government. Connecticut residents who were not able to meet the mail-in deadline of October 23rd have until Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8 p.m. – to register in person at their local Town Hall.

Registering to vote is a small step that can make a big impact on your community. We are seeing a steady increase in the number of people registering to vote over the last several years and it is crucial that it continues. My goal is 2 million registered voters by November 2008.

Registrars of Voters in each town will be holding extended office hours on October 30<sup>th</sup> in advance of the registration deadline. Voter registration forms can be downloaded from the Secretary of the State's website by visiting:

<http://www.sots.ct.gov/ElectionsServices/electforms/ed671.pdf>



### BYSIEWICZ HONORS PORTLAND WORLD WAR II VETERANS

On October 16th my office began honoring Connecticut's World War II veterans through the Secretary of the State's Public Service Award Program. We kicked off our awards presentation in Portland by honoring 102 of the town's World War II veterans. Connecticut's Veterans' Affairs Commissioner, Dr. Linda Schwartz, presented each veteran with a service medal.

Our World War II veterans had the courage and strength to change our country for the better and to defeat tyranny. And they did it without great fanfare – without seeking recognition – never asking to be honored. Now we salute them as the greatest generation.

This awards ceremony is part of an on-going effort by my office to recognize volunteers and public servants. Since 2001, my office has honored more than 16,000 people in Connecticut for their commitment to public service, including professional firefighters, volunteer coaches, community and youth volunteers, board and commission members, emergency service workers and elections officials.



### SOTS Trivia Corner

#### Question:

Which Connecticut Governor was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame?

#### Previous Issues Answer:

Jonathan Trumbull. was the last Colonial Governor of Connecticut and the first Governor of the State of Connecticut.

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

**October 30**—In person voter registration deadline for Nov. 6 municipal election

**November 5**—Deadline for enrolled party members to switch parties for Feb. 5 primary

**January 31**—Mail in registration deadline for unaffiliated and new voters to select a party

**February 4**—In person registration deadline for Feb. 5 presidential primary

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